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The 2019 - 20 **Annual General Meeting** will be held via Zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21 October 2020.

Register or make your apology

The QFHS's Annual Report will be presented, followed by the election of the incoming Management Committee.

There'll also be some presentations and we're hearing a talk from Nancy Edwards *"A Working Class Family from the Genghis Khan - 1861"*.

Nancy will recap on the lives of her pre-separation immigrant ancestors (presented last year to the Pre-Separation group) and provide possible answers to a question that she left us with at the end of that talk. Intriguing! Do register early for this meeting.

Our AGM speaker is no exception to the variety of interesting speakers we've heard at our members' meetings this year. Those of us attending Zoom meetings from the comfort of our own home have been delighted at how easy and relaxing it is.

The nominees for the 2020-2021 Management Committee will be listed on our website the week before the meeting (nominations close on 7 October). If you'd like to vote but can't attend, you can download a proxy form [here](#) - make sure it is with the Secretary no later than the Monday beforehand (19 October).

Calendar

[02 Oct – Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

[03 Oct – DNA Interest Group](#)

05 Oct – Queen's Birthday **CLOSED**

[09 Oct – Fridays@QFHS – Loving Aussie Libraries](#)

[10 Oct – Irish Interest Group](#)

[11 Oct – Colonial India and Far East Interest Group](#)

12 Oct – Management Committee Meeting

[16 Oct – Fridays@QFHS – Writing your family history on a Blog Session 1](#)

[17 Oct – New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)

[17 Oct – TMG User Group](#)

[20 Oct – Do as I say, not as I did: reflections of an Imperfect Genealogist](#)

[21 Oct – Annual General Meeting](#)

[23 Oct – Information technology security awareness training](#)

[30 Oct – Fridays@QFHS – Writing your family history on a blog Session 2](#)

[31 Oct – Australian newspapers and substitutes after the 1950s: 'What can we do when Trove runs out?' \(Repeat\)](#)

Happenings



Volunteers' Thank you - online via ZOOM

When: 23 November 2020 from 10.00am

You are invited to register for a ZOOM session as a thank you for the wonderful work you undertake on behalf of the Society. The annual Award for Services to Family History will be presented.

[Register online now](#)



Members' Meeting: share our Christmas traditions

When: 16 December 2020 at 1.00pm

In these "unprecedented times" QFHS is having an unprecedented online Christmas members' meeting. Join us on Zoom and share your favourite Christmas traditions and stories!

We encourage you to dress in your favourite Christmas outfits! Or bring along some Christmas decorations to decorate what we see on your camera feed! Maybe a Christmas mug! Have fun! Be creative!

[Register online now](#)



Our latest uploads should have something for everybody. From early Queensland Electoral Rolls, by courtesy of Toowoomba Darling Downs Family History Society, to Police Gazettes. For those with family living in Tasmania in 1916, we have that Electoral Roll too.

Was your ancestor an Officer in the British Army in 1787? Over 9000 names to search in The Army Index 1787.

[Early Queensland Electoral Rolls 1860-1884 and 1889](#)

[Queensland Police Gazette Index 1864-1884](#)

[Commonwealth Electoral Roll \(Tasmania\) 1916](#)

[The Army Index 1787](#)

Perhaps you were unable to attend the education session Persons Called before Queensland Government Committees 1860–1920, presented by Stephanie Ryan. Thanks to our TAG you can now search this list of names on the website.

[Persons called before Queensland Government committees 1860–1920](#)

Do use [Global Keyword Search](#) to search all datasets at the same time.

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



Loving Aussie Libraries

Presenter: Susie der Kinderen

We all love libraries and may often forget that there is much much more than searching the catalogue and the indexes.

During this webinar we will take a look at a number of Australian libraries and I will show you some very useful and fun things that you may not have been aware of.

When: 9 October 2020 from 10.00am to 11.30am
Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others
Where: In your own home – [online via ZOOM](#)

[Register online now](#)

Fridays@QFHS - Writing your family history on a blog (Session 1)

Presenters: Alex Daw and Pauleen Cass



Have you thought about writing a blog to document your family history but have been too afraid to try? Overwhelmed by platforms, templates, and how to begin?

Long time family historians and bloggers, Pauleen Cass and Alex Daw, will help you get started over two workshops. There will be a fortnight between workshops to allow you to set up your blog and return with questions. Ideally, participants will be willing to share their

blogs/learnings with other participants for maximum benefit to all.

When: 16 October 2021 from 10.00am to 12.30pm
Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others
Where: In your own home – [online via ZOOM](#)

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Do as I say not as I did: reflections of an Imperfect Genealogist

Presenters: Sue Swalwell



In looking back over her journey in family history, Sue Swalwell has concluded that she is indeed an Imperfect Genealogist. She would love to be able to go back to the beginning start again. She would then be able to use the knowledge and experience she has now to help her younger self avoid all the mistakes she has made, and knock down that brick wall she is still attempting to break through forty years on. As she cannot do that, she has decided to share her reflections on the lessons she has learnt with her fellow genealogists to help them to avoid those same pitfalls.

When: TUESDAY 20 October 2020 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others
Where: In your own home – [online via ZOOM](#)

[Register online now](#)

Information technology security awareness training

Presenter: Troy Jewell, Pure Security



This is a **FREE** online event strictly for QFHS members only.

Join Pure Security consultant, [Troy Jewell](#), for a session on cyber-security. [Pure Security](#) will give you the confidence, knowledge, and the ability to better protect your computer system from a cyber-attack. The presentation covers these four areas.

- Passwords
- Public wi-fi
- Social media and data privacy
- Phishing

The session provides you with knowledge on current themes and common ways your IT devices and personal information could be accessed and vulnerable to security breaches, along with some methods you can use to become more vigilant, aware and secure in your on-line activities.

When: 23 October from 10.00am to 11.00am

Cost: FREE (members only)

Where: In your own home – **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)

Writing your family history on a blog (Session 2)

Presenters: Alex Daw and Pauleen Cass



Have you thought about writing a blog to document your family history but have been too afraid to try? Overwhelmed by platforms, templates, and how to begin?

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between workshops to allow you to set up your blog and return with questions. Ideally, participants will be willing to share their blogs/learnings with other participants for maximum benefit to all.

When: 30 October 2020 from 10.00m to 12.30pm
Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others
Where: In your own home – **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)



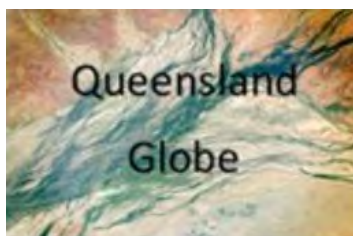
Australian newspapers and substitutes after the 1950s: 'What can we do when Trove runs out?' (Repeat)

Presenter: Sue Reid

When the wonderful Trove Digitised Newspapers project began more than a decade ago, the only newspapers available via Trove were those published up to 1954. This was for copyright reasons. We have come to rely on Trove Digitised newspapers to enrich our research, but what can we do 'when Trove runs out?' Join Sue Reid to learn what Australian newspapers are available beyond this 1954 date and what other free sources we can use to fill in the gaps.

When: 31 October 2020 from 10.00am to 11.30am
Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others
Where: In your own home – **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)



Queensland Globe: get hands-on with Queensland geography (Repeat)

Presenter: Dr Kerry Raymond

Queensland Globe is an interactive mapping website providing access to the spatial information held by the Queensland Government. It is a powerful tool with an extensive array of information that can be overlaid on the maps, but it can be overwhelming for the beginner.

This hands-on session will be aimed at beginners including: navigating around the Globe, searching for locations by a range of methods, obtaining information about a particular place, and working with the hundreds of built-in data layers (some of which will be included in the presentation).

Some of the limitations of the Qld Globe will also be discussed. Note that Queensland Globe primarily deals with current information rather than historical information.

Read more about [Queensland Globe](#).

When: 13 November 2020 from 10.00am to 12.30pm

Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others

Where: In your own home – **online via ZOOM**

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Overseas newspapers for family history research

Presenter: Sue Reid



Newspapers are essential to family history research. We can find rich detail about people's personal, professional, and business lives from the content of newspapers—births, marriages, and deaths, community involvement, letters to the editor, business advertisements. There is no limit to the variety of material.

Australian researchers are well served for historic newspaper content with Trove Digitised Newspapers, but what about newspapers from overseas? What can we use?

In this presentation, Sue Reid will discuss free sources of overseas newspapers that you can use to discover more about your family.

When: 11 December 2020 from 10.00am to 11.30am

Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others

Where: In your own home – [online via ZOOM](#)

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Putting your ancestors in their place: ten steps to a one place study

Presenter/s: Dr Janet Few

Family historians normally focus on their own direct ancestors, but these ancestors did not live in isolation. They had neighbours and workplaces, they lived in villages with churches, schools, shops, and institutions. In order to understand families of the past, they need to be 'put in their place' by investigating the localities of which they were a part.

One-Place Studies differ from traditional local histories in that they focus on people, their relationship to their communities and to each other; bringing family and local history together, to the benefit of both fields. A One-Place Study involves dissecting a small, definable, geographical area to examine the individuals, buildings, and processes of the past in as much detail as possible.

These studies are undertaken by individuals, or groups who have an interest in the history of a particular community, be it a parish, town, hamlet, or a single street.

This talk describes ten steps that you might take in pursuit of this exciting branch of historical research, wherever in the world your place might be.

When: 3 February 2021 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Cost: \$15 QFHS and GSQ members and \$25 all others

Where: In your own home – [online via ZOOM](#)

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Finding your family: a beginners course in research

Presenter/s: QFHS Tutors

This six week course will be very comprehensive for someone wanting to start researching their family history, but unsure of the process. Content will include home sources, organisation, BDM certificates, archives, libraries, newspapers, overseas research, and much more. Registrations will be limited to 8 people. The cost includes:

- The book, *Where do I start?: a brief guide to researching your family in Australia and New Zealand* by Shauna Hicks 2nd Edition (rrp \$25).
- For non-members, complimentary use of the QFHS Library and Resource Centre and members' area of the website for the term of the course.

Please note: This is an evening course 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm AEST (GMT+10)

The course accommodates 8 participants only.
Ticket sales close on Monday, 8 February 2021.

When: Commences 15 February 2021

Cost: \$60 QFHS and GSQ members and \$90 all others

Where: In your own home – **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)



The 1939 Register: why is it invaluable?

Presenter/s: Dr Penny Walters

The UK 1939 Register was used to produce 40 million Identity Cards during World War II, when rationing was introduced.

The Register provides a huge bridge between the last published census (1911) and 1939. People were more honest in their information-giving, providing exact date of birth and relationships, as they wanted their rations.

From 1948 the Register was used as the National Health Service Register, and was updated until 1991, giving women's new surnames when they got married, hand written above their name.

The online UK 1939 Register is a relatively unknown tool for genealogists from outside the UK.

When: 9 March 2021 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Cost: \$15 QFHS and GSQ members and \$25 all others

Where: In your own home – [online via ZOOM](#)

[Register online now](#)

Web Wanderings

Subscription sites are still offered at-home through the QFHS website. If you have any problem accessing them please email [Secretary](#).



From new releases each week on Findmypast Friday to site feature updates and company happenings, keep on top of the very latest genealogy news and events from Findmypast. Click [here](#)



Ancestry have also been busy uploading records from around the world. Might be something to interest you [here](#).



Not to be outdone, MyHeritage have also been busy. Mostly American sites but a few Australian can be found [here](#)



FamilySearch added almost 20 million new records last month. A mix of United States, Europe, Africa, but no Australian. Check them out [here](#)



The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages Queensland produce a Family History Bulletin twice a year. The next bulletin will be out in December. The theme is 'Pandemics in Queensland'. The articles should be no longer than 400 words and they welcome any photos you would like to submit with your stories.

The stories would need to be sent to BDMMarketing@justice.qld.gov.au no later than 31 October 2020.

Please don't hesitate to make contact using same email if you have any questions.

Electronic journals

- [Argyle Bulletin No 85 2020 08 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Burwood Ances Tree Vol 33 1 \(PDF\)](#)
- [RHSQ Bulletin 855 2020 09 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Saskatchewan Bulletin Vol 51 2 2020 08 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Bedfordshire Vol 22 7 2020 09 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Suffolk Roots 46 2 2020 09 \(PDF\)](#)
- [NZ Family Tree 2020 08 \(PDF\)](#)
- [London Westminster Metropolitan 167 2020 09 \(PDF\)](#)

Login required to view these journals.



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Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Make sure you check the Calendar (above) to ensure you don't miss your next SIG meeting. Meetings are being conducted online and registration is required. If you are still unsure about ZOOM and using it please do contact your [Convener](#) for assistance.

Book Review

William and Leonora Monk, a pioneer family in Queensland

Looking to broaden your understanding of Queensland's past while locked within the state's borders at present?

Here's a new book, which has drawn historian Helen Gregory's praise for capturing "the essence of a good social history".



Gerard Benjamin has published a family history centred on his great-great grandparents William and Leonora Monk, a couple from London who arrived in Ipswich in 1857.

[www.ggbooks.wordpress.com

ISBN: 978-0-6480665-2-1]

In 200 pages, well sprinkled with images and maps of interest, the author tells intriguing tales of the couple's experiences and those of their descendants in parts of Queensland between the South-East corner and the Far North. In particular, tales of tough pioneering from Rockhampton to Cairns before 1900. He also delves into the families William and Leonora left behind in England.

In a touch that adds warmth and immediacy to this family history, the author recounts his own involvement, meetings, and discoveries along

the research path. One of these meetings has been with QFHS members Doug and Elaine Eager, through an ancestral link to Leonora Monk's parents.

Members with an interest in Brisbane's New Farm district may recognise Gerard's name, as the author of books and articles related to the history of that area. Gerard has entered the book in the 2021 family history book awards, so it will become available in the QFHS library after judging mid-year.

For now, copies of *William & Leonora Monk* are available from New Farm Editions (3254 2122) and Mary Ryans Bookshop New Farm (3254 0444) for \$29.99 plus postage.

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